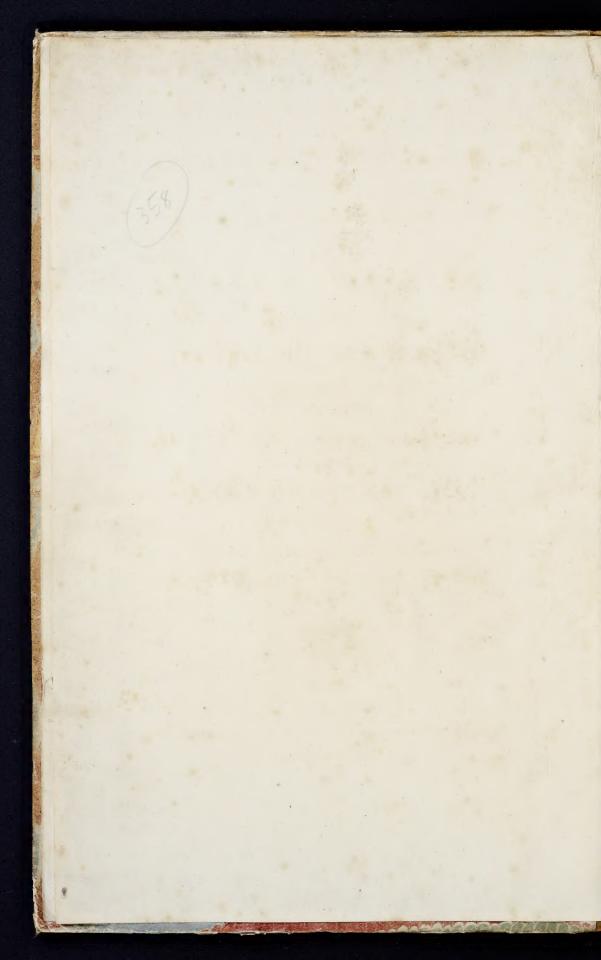


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PERSEPOLIS ILLUSTRATA:

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Ancient and ROYAL PALACE

OF

PERSEPOLIS in PERSIA,

DESTROYED BY

ALEXANDER the GREAT,

About Two Thousand Years ago;

WITH

Particular Remarks concerning that PALACE,

And an ACCOUNT of the

ANCIENT AUTHORS,

Who have wrote thereupon.

ILLUSTRATED and DESCRIBED,

In Twenty One COPPER-PLATES.



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Concerning PERSEPOLIS and the Ancient Authors who have writ upon that Subject.

The Modern Writers both Persian Diodorus of Sicily, who is reported Kings or Heroes called Giemschid, or I jems chid, was y founder of that one among the Ancient Authors, Metropolis of Persia & that he called it Estechar, i.e. cutout of y rock. They add, that that City was of so vast an Extent, that it contained also the City of Chiras within its walls: That Queen Homai Bahaman's daughter founded y Palace of that City called Gihil, or Chilminar, And that the Monuments on the hill one their Ori: gine to Prince Kitschtasb, son to y 5. h King of y race of & Cajanides, called Lohor asp.

Nevertheless seeing that those Relations are mixed with many fictions, which have little probability, & that they no way agree with y Old Grecian his torys, nor with the sacred Authors, wee being very stacky is 16 Cubits high, ought not to rely upon them. The case being so, I shall not scruple to say, (with all due respect to y Opinion of y Learned) that in y remains of Pluns of Chilminar, its Situation, & Edifice, y Figures & their Drefses, the Orna: ments & whatever is to be seen there, strengthined with Pallisades of Copper, agrees with the manner of & Anci and Gates of & same 20 Cubits higher ent Persians, and with the Descrip. The first was intended to strike a tion, which is found of the Ancient terror, & y other to secure & Palace; Palace of Persepolis.

& Arabian pretend that one of their to have lived in the time of Julius = Cesar, & of Augustus, is the only who hath left us a rough draught of y Noble Palace of Persepolis that was destroyed by Alexander & Great extracted from y Egyptian Grecian, & other Antiquity's, which time hath destroyed. After that Author hath mentioned, that Alexander had exposed that Capital City of & King = dom of Perlia, which was if weal thieft iny Universe, to be plunder'd by his Macedonian Soldiers excepting out of it y Royal Palace; he describes that Palace as an extraordinary piece of work in these words. This lofty Edi fice, Saith he, or Royal Palace is surrounded with 3 Walls, the first whereof and is Flanked with Towers & a Parapet. The second which is like y first, in respect of y Architecture, is twice as high again The 3 is square, cut out of the Rock & is 60 Cubits high. The Courtines of them were On y East side thereof is to be seen

a Piece of Ground containing 4 half Acres, and beyond it y Royal the Kings.

of that Ancient Edifice, which nras reducid to Ashes by Alexander the Great 2000 Years ago , do not exactly agree with y Description which Diodorus hath given of that Place; if one considers never so little the great alterations, that have happened in Persia since that time: That after y death of that Prince, it who made it Hereditary to his fami: by. That the Parthians conquer'd it veril it by y means of Artaxerxes, in the time of Alexander Severus, tioned, who saith the same thing in and Govern'd it a confiderable time; And lastly how Mahomets Succes: sors subdued it after that.

All those confiderations being duely weighed, I say it is no wonder that Authors differ in their Sentiments; and much more because tis to be prefumed, that the Fury of Army's, the Tempefts, & Earthquakes have intirely destroyed a part of that lofty Edifice, or hath buryed it in the bon els of y Earth. On the Contrary there is occasion to wonder that there are still found at this day many things

according to the Description of Don Garcias de Silva de Figueroa in hill, where are the Monuments of his Embassy to Persia, That are agree. able to that of Diodorus of Sicily Moreover tis no wonder if "Ruins and those of several other Ancient Authors: And as my Plates agree with those Descriptions, methinks there is no doubt, that the Ruins of Chilminar, are those of y famous Palace of Persepolis, which was Destroyed by Alexander & Great. Diodorus of Sicily saith in the place before mentioned, That there was a Piece of Ground contain: fell to & share of one of his Captains, ing 4 half Acres between that Pa lace and the hill, where the Kings Monuments are to be seen. I have afterwards; That the Persians reco: observed the same thing as well as if Spanish Embassador already men: his Description of Chilminar ex cept in the Distance, wherein he vary's a little from the Grecian-Author. For the the Latin Trans: lation of that which I made use of, allows only 400 foot compals to 4 Plethera, or half Acres of Landit do's not follow that he meant the ordinary Feet of the Romans or the Greeks. Contrary wise, thô a certain unknown Author quoted by Salmasius, saith that if Greek word The pov, Signified among the Romans a Space of ground con :

remained not any sign of it in their time, & that Alexander had burns down the City as well as y Palace. Tis likewise y opinion which Quin tius Curtius seems to embrace. So whether it be upon v account that y Greeks & Romans have set dom travelled into Persia, after y death of Alexander, or that y northings of those amonast them who have discoursed of Perse polis, have been destroved as several others have; It appears nevertheles from the first Book of the Maccabees, & Josephus's testime: ny, that the City of Persepolis, which y Ancient Persians called Elimais, was still in being, or at least some part of it in y time of the Illustrious Antiochus . Whether it was so said because Alexander had not destroy'd it all (as I sup pose, or because it was partly Rebuilt since that time is uncertain. I do not see neither why as much credit is not given to those Books of y Holy Scripture, called y Apocrypha, & to Josephus his history as to the Heathen Writers, & so much y more because it is know that y Jews were dispersed into all transcriber have spoken of that City parts, after i Babilonian Caption & that many of them went & set being the he is personaded that there thed themselves in Persia after the



death of Alexander, where I amper: smaded their Successors have re: mained to this day. Yet the all this inly by & Arms, the Dreker, & the Ornaments of the Figures, & also by the Hieroglyphicks which are found at Chilminar, that it was an Ancient Palace of the Kings of Persia, and that it must be that of Persepolis. I shall again endea cour to prove it by the testimony of those Authors who have writt upon that subject.

The Drefses of the Figures that are upon the Staircase are partly shaped after v manner of the Per: fians and partly like the Medes. Those of the Ancient Perlians were of Leather, with a Girdle of the same, according to Herodotus. But they alter'd their fashion after the Reign of Cyrus; And it is certain that the Dreises of the Figures of y Staircase, are the same as they were in Persia, when Xerx: es invaded Greece. They used Caps made in the form of Tiares; their Gowns were cover'd with Mails of Iron, which resembled v scales of Fishes, & their Breeches were tyed at the bottom about their less. Their Shields were made of

the Romans called afterwards, Spanish Bucklers; They carried resides some Arrons, which hund should be questioned it appears play about them, Some short Pikes a great Quiver, & some Jacrelins made of Canes or Rushes, and a Danger on their right hip; which Arms they were in imitation of & Medes The Cisiers, or Kischiers a Per sinn People wore in those days Miters instead of Tiares, accor= ding to Herodotus. The long Gonns they were without platts, were the true Persian Drefses, Stolæ Per sicæ are mentioned by Cælius Rho. diginus: But Cyrus brought in the platted Gowns for the Nobles of the Kingdom, after he had con. quer'd Asia. It was at his first Offering after the takeing of Ba: bilon that he distributed some Dresses made after the manner of the Medes to the Persians, who had never worn any such till then, according to Xenophon. The Staircase where the Figures are represented, proves clearly that the Ruins of Chilminar are those of the Palace of Persepolis, be: cause the Drefs, & the Arms of those Figures, which differ alto: gether from those now in use among the Modern Persians, twifted Ropes, called Gerra, which Then that, that Staircase stood in



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the Reion of the Kings of the first Race, and even in the time of Xerxes the Great Don Gar cias de Silva de Figueroa the Spanis Embals ador sent to King Abas , Speaks of that Stair : awer as of a Piece that represented a Trumph and not it is no war like the e now in use a mond the Perhans . For Xenophon saith post tirely: after he has given the Defeription of y Offering which Cyrus Offered at Babilon) that all i Perhan Kings who have succeed: ed that Prince have initiated his manner of Droking when he appeared polickly & no Beafts were seen but upon Offering days. The well known also that the Perhans Offered Horfes to the Sun, and Oxen to the Moon, as well as y Ancient Ethiopians. The Horses represented the Swiftness of Sun's Course, & the Oxen the Tillage over which the Moon prefided as it was supposed. See Xenophon. Heliodorus, & Ludovicus Februarius.

Nevertheless seeins there are on that Stair case some Figures of Camels, Ases and He Goats, as well as of Horses and of Oxen. I am perfrade (with all due respect to the Learned) that what soever is seen on that Staircase, represents nothing clee but the Anniversary of A Kings Birth and i Offerings made to him, which is a thing in use at this present time, on such Occasions, wherein there is brought to it Kings Table, by way of Offering, Sheep Deer, &c. ready Roasted, See Athenaeus.

Those kind of Processions are lead by some Perfons that wear a Tiaxa, or a sort of a Crown upon their heads, which Custom was used in the time of Cyrus, under whose Reign the chief Lords at Court, called Aquales, were Obliged to attend at the Offerins & at Feasts, with a Crown on their heads; because they believed that the Gods were delighted with seeing the

Magnificence of those who made them Offerings, and accepted them the more kindly. See Xenophon.

The Vehele which those Finner carry along, were probably full of fragrant Herbs, and especially of Myrrh, which things the Persan Kings received theer fully, the from the hands of their Sub interest, at Athenaeus relates it.

The Spanith Embassador so often men: tioned is personaded, that the Beaft which the Lion attacks, (on the Staircafe) is an 0x. or a Bull. But it seems to me rather to be a Horfe or an Ass. More over it is but an Hy eroglyphick, Sig: nilving Vietue Triumphing over Strength; and meft people know, that the Ancient Perhans and the Figyptians concealed their greatest Mystery's under Equivo. cal Figures. as Heliodorus observes it. And seeing all those Beafts are repre: sented with Horns, the naturally they have none, there must be therefore some Mustery in it. That afsertion is so much the better grounded because it is known that Horns were Formerly an Emblem of Strenoth and also of Majes: ty; and that they have represented the Sun & Moon with Horns, as well as Alex ander the Great, whom the Eastern Na. tions colled Dhulkarnam . or & Horned because he had Subdued two of i Suns Horns viz East and West.

As to the Scales, more People know that Instice was in great Veneration among the Ancient Persians, as X enophon observes it: Therefore they carryed Scales before the King, and before the Gran: dees of the Kingdom, to represent Instice: That Custom has likewise been in use among the Ancient Greeks.

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and afterwards among the Romans. The Figures which are found in v two first Portico's are pretty like a horse before and behind, but their heads are almost like a Monkev's; Truly their Tail is not much like that of a Horse neither, but that might be imputed to the Ornaments that are jouned to it, & which were much in use among y Anti ent Persians. They are called Sphinxes because they are like Monkeys: And see ing the Ancients gave also the Name of Sphinx, to a certain Bird, the Greeks and probably the Persians have allow: ed them Wings. Some Naturalifts pre: tend that they represent likenase the Strength of the Volatile & Fixed Spirits. The Umbrella was formerly in use a: mona y Persians, & Xenophon seen to place the time of its Invention in the Reign of Artaxerxes Brother to Cyrus the Younger, And not in that of Cyrus of Great, under whose Rein the Per: fians imitated the Drofses, the & Or: naments & the Manners of the Medes, without minding y heat of the Sun, y violence of the Winds, or y variety of the Seasons. But there happened un alteration in i Reign of Artaxerxes who addicted himself to Wine and De bauches with his whole Court, and all grew effeminate; so that they were no longer delighted with the Shade of trees, & y coolness of Grotto's & Caves, to secure themselves from y Suns heat Umbrella's were then found out, & Ser. vants were employed in carrying of them.

The 2, Figures Armed with Lances re = present y Tunica Manicata or Long Platted Gowns of y Medes, which the Hastati; or Lanciers, both Medes and Perlians were in y Reign of Cyrus, & of many of his Successors. That on

their head is a kind of Cap, or Mitre mentioned by Hero dotus, in his Des cription of y Dresses & the Arms of Xerxes Soldiers and & Grecian Army. You need only read Rhodiginus with this Author to be thorowly informed or this matter.

The 3 Figures partly broken one whereof has a Platted Gown, a Tiara, & Her Chin wrap'd round in a linnen cloth, represents a Persian Priest. M Hvde mentions it in his History of the Religion of the Ancient Persians.

The Figure loaded with Offerings repre sents a Persian Soldier, who is one of those rust mentioned And I take that which is fighting with & Lion & is Drefs : after y manner of y Me des to be an Hie : rogly phick, because & Egyptians, from whom y Persians have borroned seve ral of their Customs, represented Strength & Valour by a Lion. You may read Cle mens Alexandrinus on that matter. It may perhaps too be a real Fight, Medes & Perlians having formerly delishted to Fight with Beafts as X enophon observes in his Institution of Cyrus. Those versed in Antiquity's, may judge of it as they think fit.

The Figures on y half buryed Pilaster are also Dres'din the Medes manner, as has been Observed in difcoursing of VFi gure with & Umbrella. You see a Perfian Priest Dress'd in the same manner by y Window, who leads for his Offering a He Goat with a Horn bended donnwards, y Figure of it is pretty Odd, after y Cus tom of the Ancients, who set forth their Offerings under devers uncommon Figures, on occasion of a Mysterious Confecration. Heliodorus discourses ful by upon that account, and Pignorius also in his Description of the Table of This .

The Pilaster full of Figures represents



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a Royal Audience where the King ap pears sitting on his Throne with a Foot: stool, after y manner of the Ancient Perhans. The Book of Esther mentionis it and Xenophon also. The first Figure which stands behind y King is Drefs'd in V Medes manner; the second in V Per: fian manner, & the third like the first. The bundle of Lances represents istrength & Concord of 2º Kingdom; And the Figure Drefed in the Perfian manner which frands before that Prince is a Petitioner; V other Figures Armed with Lances and Shields are Guards, who are Drefid like Medes those Figures seem to be Ranged on both sules at a distance.

On y most adorned Pilaster, may be seen the Figure of another King, or of a Person of great distinction Dress d also as tory manner of the Medes, with a sort of a Crown upon Her head, which Ornament of Kings Favorites whally wore. See Xenophon.

The Figures below of work seem to be intended for an Ornament and a Prop to it: They are Drokid of Pexhan way. The Pilyter whereof the Pedefod is to be form, shows fomething like it.

There is found upon if Monument cut out in if Rock near Persep olis, the Figure of a King before an Altar, on which the Sacred Fire is burning which was in such veneration among if Persians that they carryed it in the Army in time of Warr, upon a Silver Altar, as Quintius Curtius relates it. This Fire was committed to if care of Magi, and was never suffered to go out, but at if Kings Decease.

He who is supposed to be a King before y Altar is Cladin a long Gonn after y manner of the Medes, nith a Crown on his head, holding in his hand a Snake half trifted. I am personaded that he is persorming an Offering; which is the

more probable because it is known that Cambyles & Cyrus nere at the same time Kings & Magi, and as fuch were obliged to Offer some Offerings. There : fore when Cyrus attended Cyaxares i King of the Medes his Uncle, in his Ex pedition against v Assyrians; Cambules prefented an Offering for his Son, and for his Army: And when Cyxus after & Conquest of the Kingdom of Babi : lon, returned into Perlia, Cambuses cal led together y Nobles of the Kingdom, & made a Decree, whereby he enjoyn ed Cyrus to make an Offering himself in y behalf of his People, after his Ac cession to the Crown of Perha he being dead; And that Ceremony was to be per formed by a Prince of y blood in the King's alfence Xenophon makes men tion of it, in his Institution of Cyrus. As to it Serpent half triffed his known that the Ancients denoted by that Hie roohphick a King of narrow Domi nion, whereas, when they would represent a Powerfull Monarchy they did it with a Serpent in the form of alir cle, holding its Tail between its Teeth, as it may be found in Horus Apollo. That induces me to think, that y Ser pent (if it be one) that the King holds in his hand, Denotes & King of Perlia: And the it should be a Bow, my con : jecture stands nevertheless, the Bow being a Weapon particularly fancied by the Perfians who carryed it with some Arrows about them, for a difanguish = ing mark from other Nations. The Fi: owes upon & Staircase with & Quivers upon their Shoulders confirm it. The small Figure that appears in the Air which M' Hy de Supposes to be

a King Aving, or a Soul souring up

to Heaven) is Drefs'd in Her head &

body, like that of the King which is



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below her Strabo saith, that the Persians did not burny Offerings prefented to if Sun, but parted them among themfelves being perfivaded, that if Gods were saitafied with the Souls of the Beafts Offered to them. For my part methinks that Figure might very probably be intended for an Oracle, because it Sits on a Tripod according to the Cuftom of the Delphians.

The Figures reprefented on each side of the Tomb, are Drefs din the Medes way, and those that are between the Or naments, with their hands lifted up, the Persian way.

The Heads of the Beafts with one Horn, are only Ornaments that represent the Power of Kings, as hath been alreated observed.

The Sun that appears above the Altar, sets forth the Ancient Divinity of the Persians, As Strabo, & Quintus Curtius observes it.

Lastly one of the main reasons that induces me to believe that Chilminar must have been the Ancient Palace of Perse polis, is because the Tombs which stand East in the Hill, were formerly called the Royall Monuments.

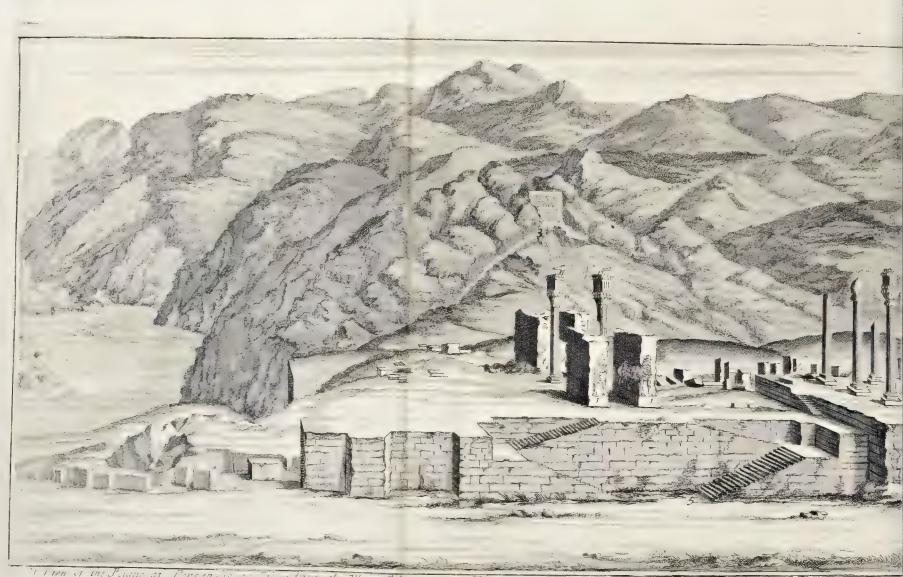
As to that of NaxiRustan, I don't doubt in the least that it is Daxizus the Son of Hystaspes who ordered it to be built, the outside of that. Tomb agreeing exactly with the Description given of it by Ctesias, makes Persian History, out of Heroedous, and with that of Diodorus of Sicily already mentioned.

Observe the sense of these words of that Historian: DARIUS order'd 'A Monument to be raised for him: self on A double hill, whither his friends who were defirous to see it caused themselves to be drawn up by A Priest with the help of A Rope.

These things being consider'd none can deny that there is a great likeness be: tween Chilminar, and the Palace of the Ancient City of Persepolis: but it would be a difficult matter to fix the time wherein it was built; Because when Xenophon speaks of the journey which Cyrus undertook from Babilon into Persia to see the King his Father; he saith only, that having left his Forces in the way, he marched forward toward & City, but do's not name it. Moreover his very probable that the City of Ely: mais, which was the Metropolis of the Kingdom, was called afterneds Per sepolis. As to the Figures and Orna: ments that are found at Chilminar, they have been made since by seve : ral Kings.



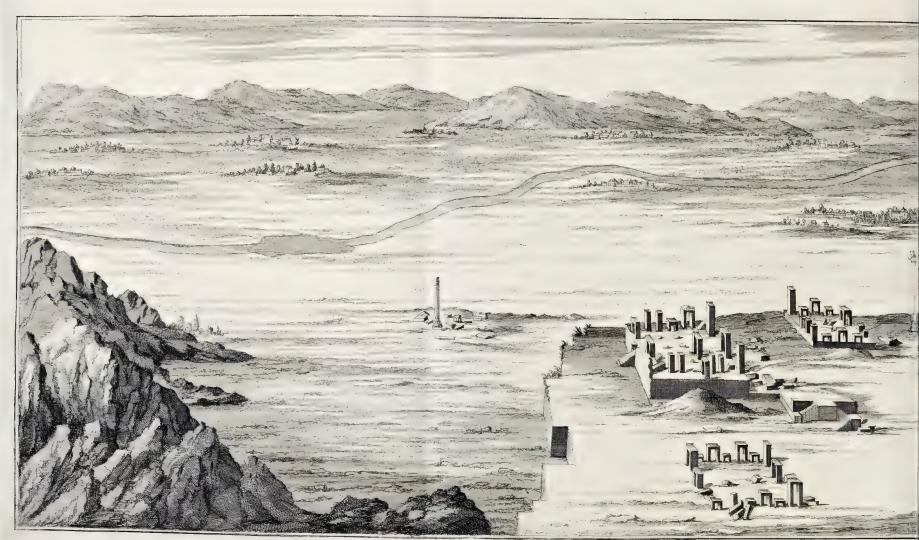




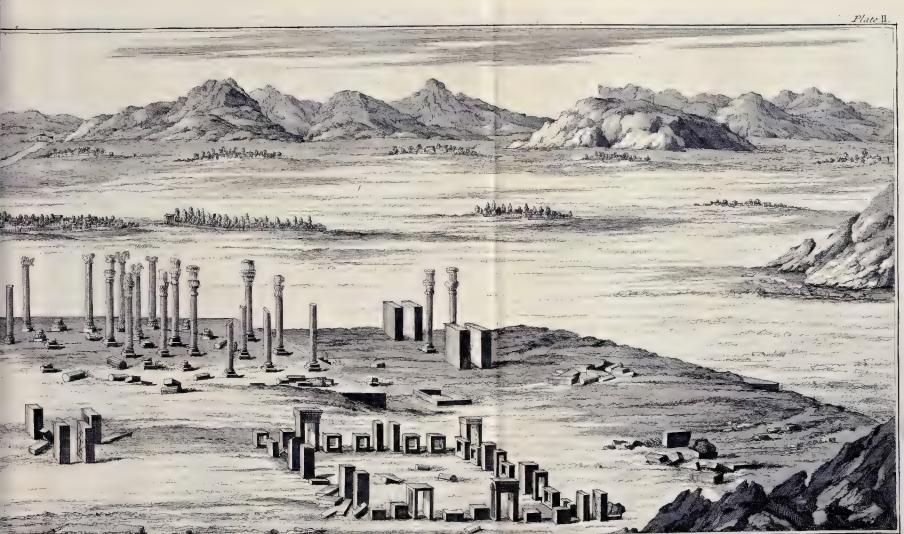
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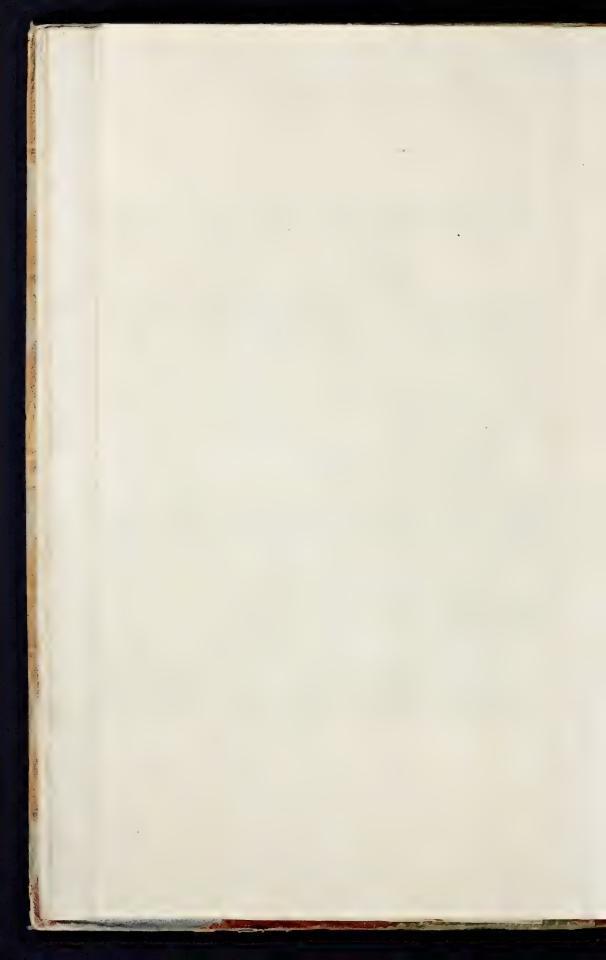


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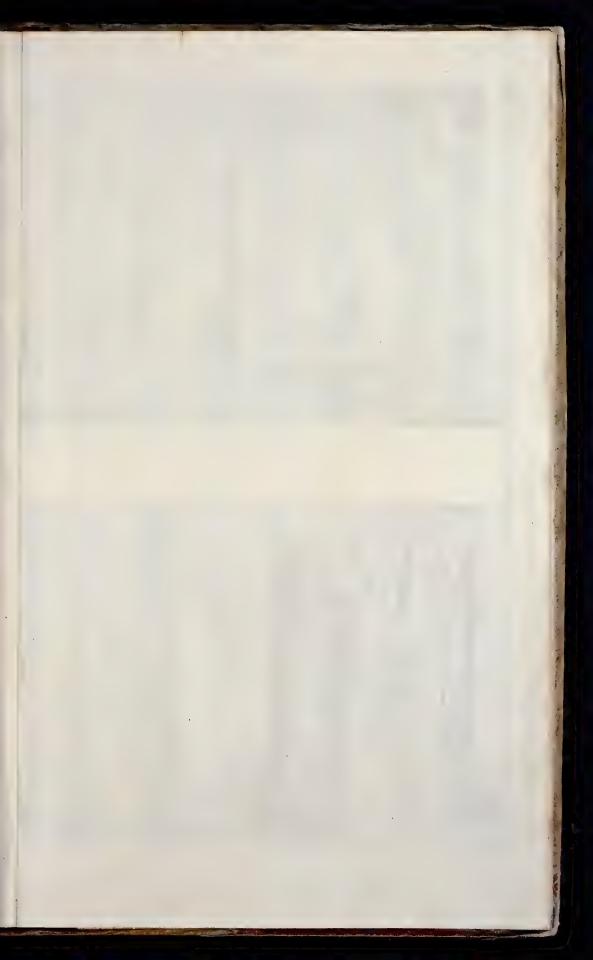




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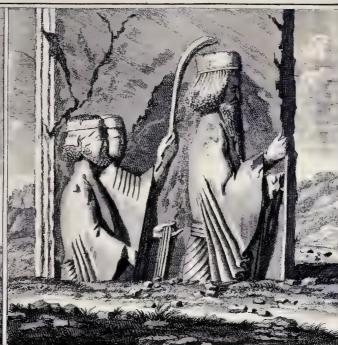
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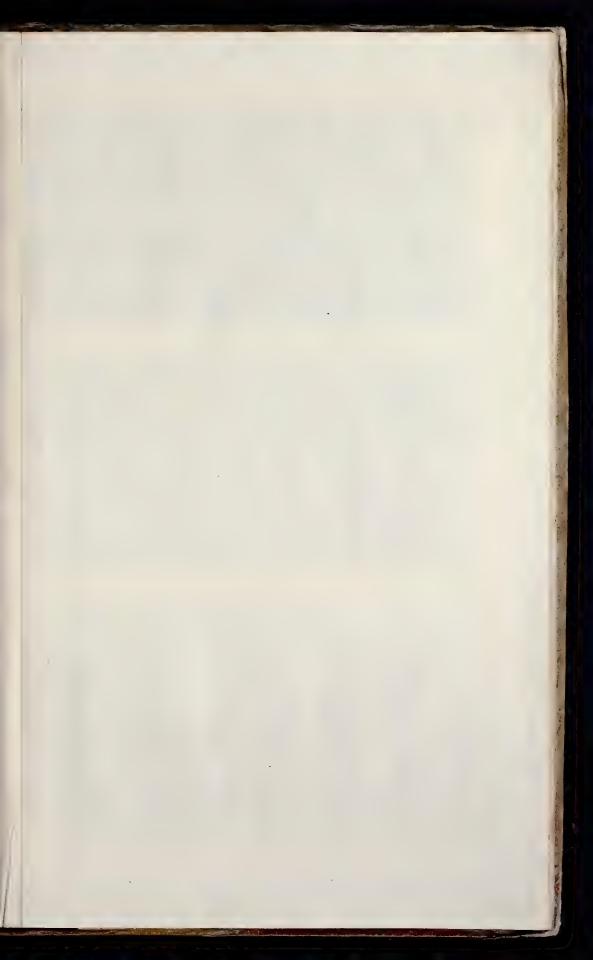


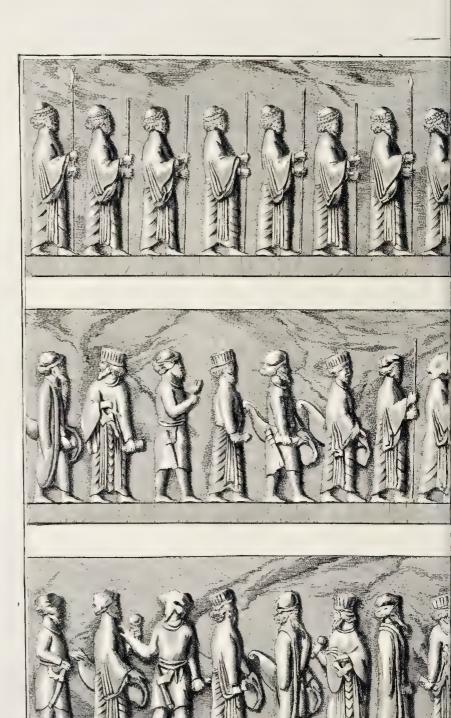


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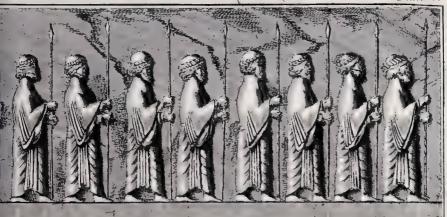
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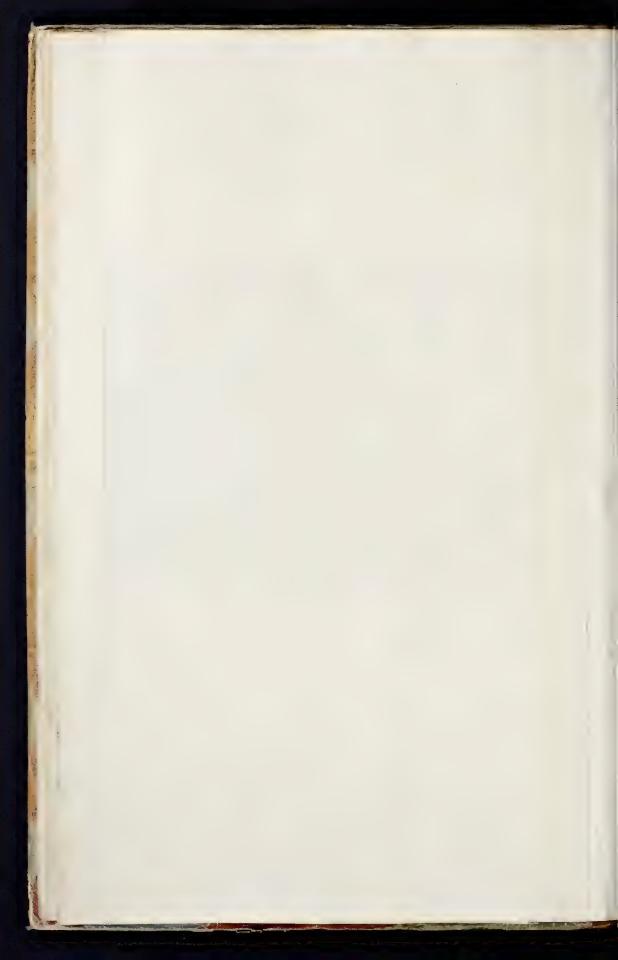


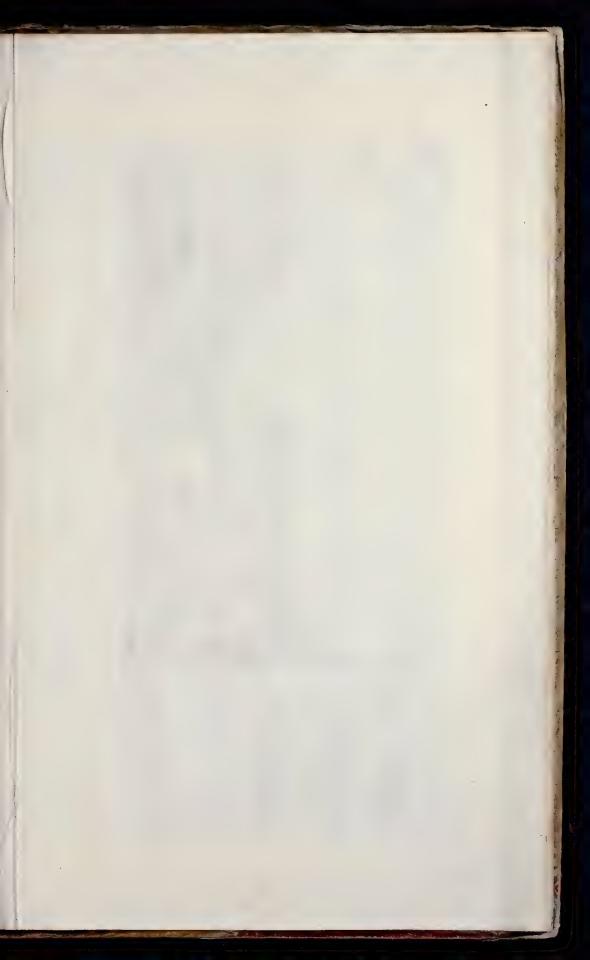
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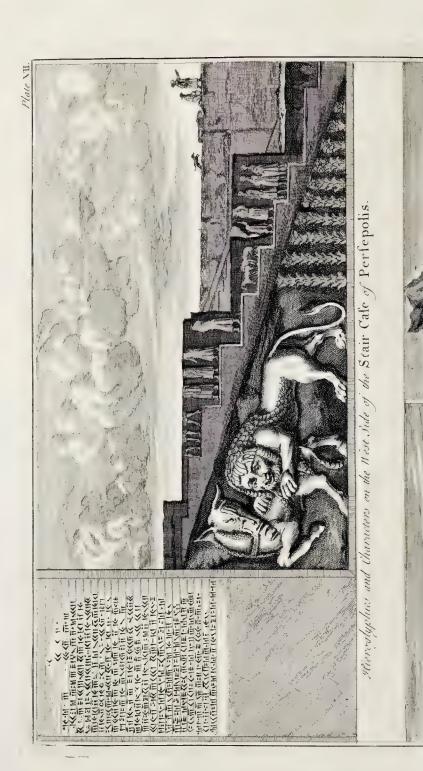


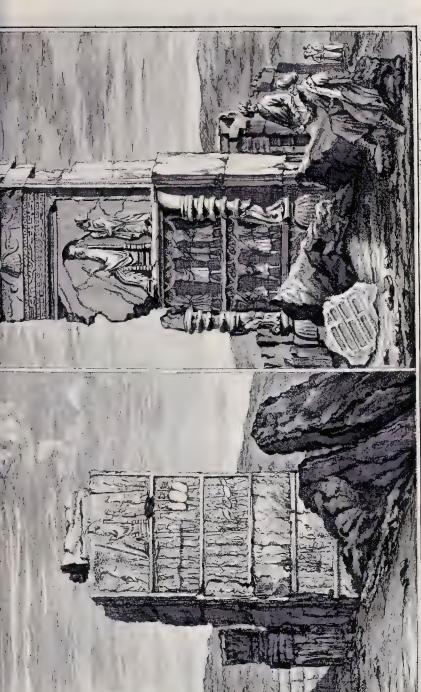
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The remains of a Portal before the Lofty Edifice of Perseposis.



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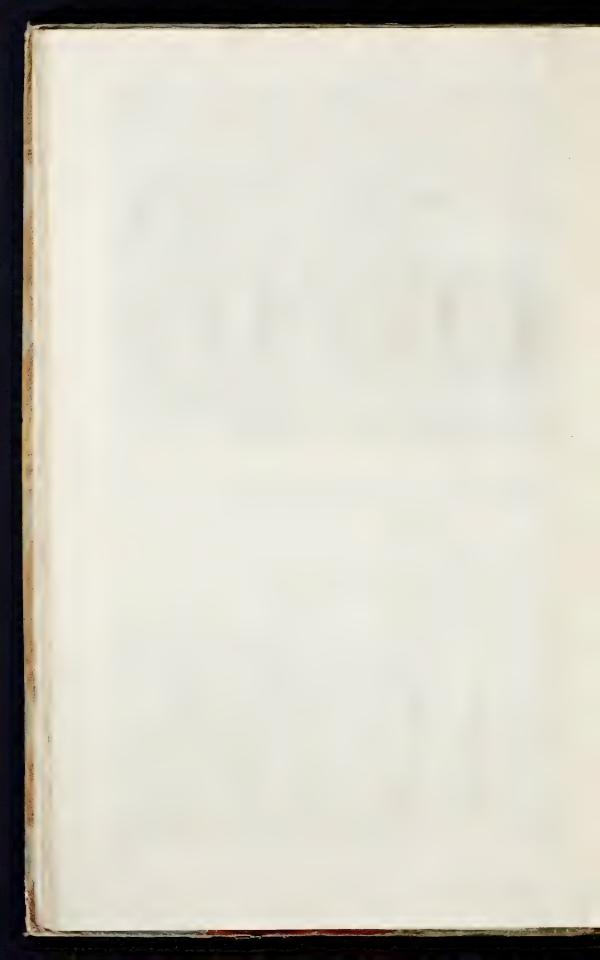


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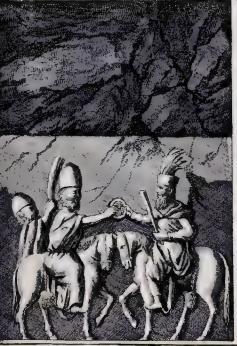


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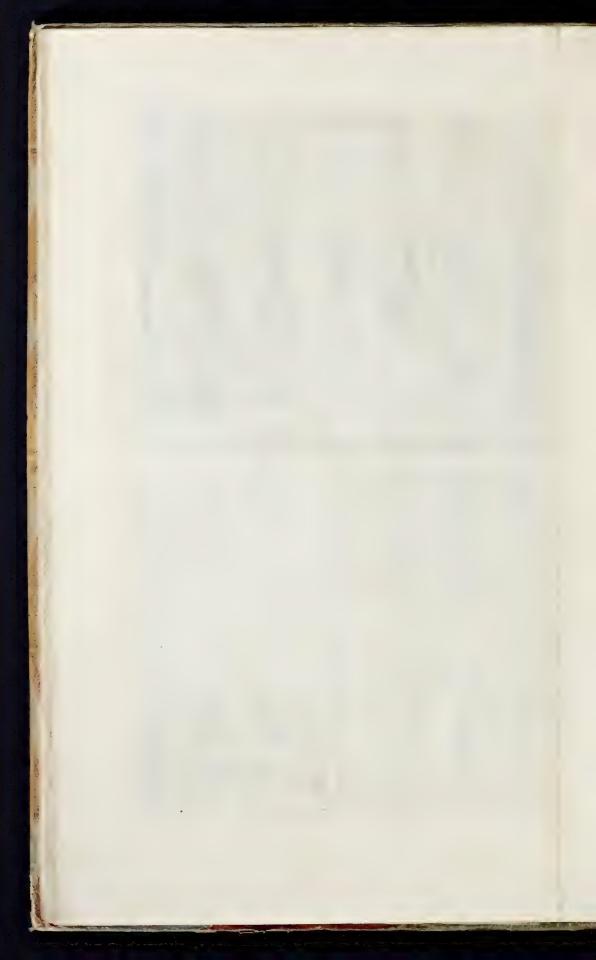
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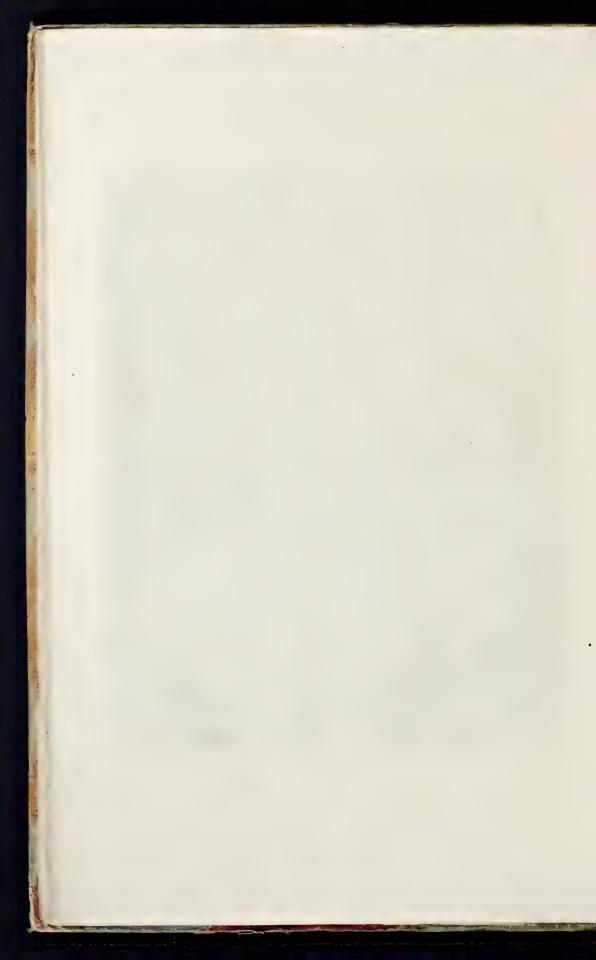
Prince Rustan & another on Horseback.



Two Small Square Edifices near the Tombs.



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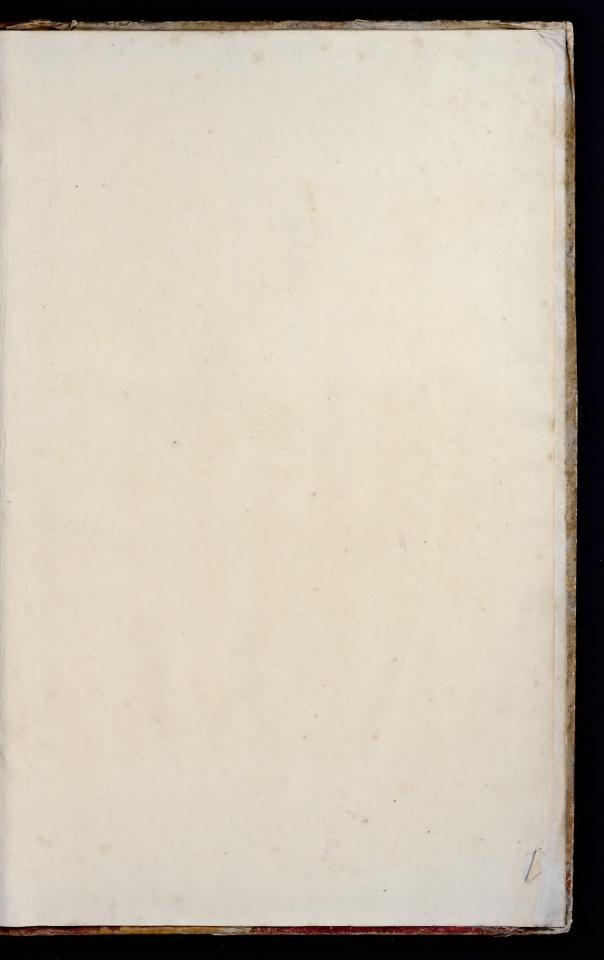


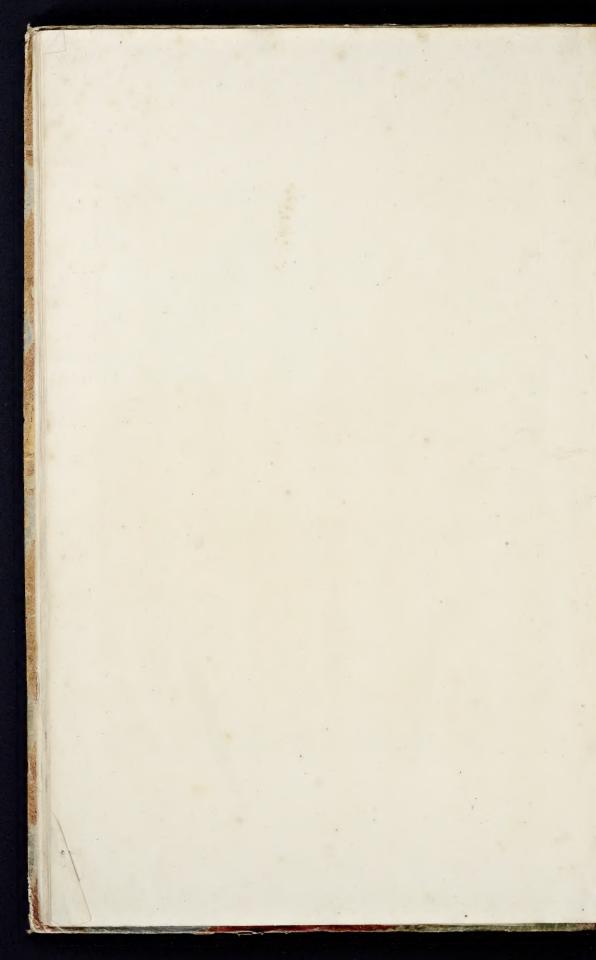


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